



# Huffman Highlights

Neighborhood News for the Huffman Historic Area

August, 2008

## Garage Sale Huge Success

by Rosie Miller



Winning Sign—Brenden Wynn

Over 20 families participated in the Huffman Neighborhood garage sale on July 12. A constant flow of customers shopped from early morning until the rain came at around 11:30. The rain didn't put a damper on some shoppers, and business picked up mid-afternoon. Participants reported good sales and were glad to get rid of their items.

This year Huffman T-shirts were part of the participant's goodie bags. It was great to see all of the shirts being worn throughout the neighborhood. We even sold some shirts to shoppers. (T-shirts will be available for sale at the neighborhood picnic in September.)

This year's sale included a sign contest. Neighbors were asked to make a creative sign that would attract folks to their sale. The winner of the \$35.00 prize was Brenden Wynn of 1700 E. 4th St. A Luau theme was chosen for the sale. Besides the sign, there were monkeys on the fence (until someone bought them) and a lighted palm tree. What fun! Start thinking now how you can top this creative entry next year.



## Christmas Tour 2008

The Historic Huffman Neighborhood Association will host the 2008 Christmas Tour December 12<sup>th</sup> through 14<sup>th</sup>. This premier Holiday event will showcase beautiful homes throughout our neighborhood and invite visitors to experience the best of life in Huffman.

Eight homes have been selected for this year's tour and plans are well underway for a great tour. Thanks to all those who have offered to show off their fine homes.

As the event draws near, we will need Tour Guides, volunteers at check-in and the Dessert House, ambassadors throughout the neighborhood, and more. There is a place for you and your talents in this special neighborhood Holiday event!

If you are interested in joining the planning committee, please contact Co-Chair Joan Spain at 254-6043 or by email at [jspain2@woh.rr.com](mailto:jspain2@woh.rr.com)

If you would like to volunteer during the event, please contact Co-Chair Rosie Miller at 546-2569 or by email at: [rosie.miller@gmail.com](mailto:rosie.miller@gmail.com)

## Crime Declining Citywide

By Joan Spain

At the July HHNA general membership meeting, Officer Laprath of the Dayton City Police Department reported that crime continues to decline throughout Dayton. The Police Department reminds citizens that homes are particularly vulnerable to break-in during active renovation or if there are signs that owners/tenants are moving in or out. Citizens are asked to be watchful and to report suspicious activity by calling 911 or 333.COPS.

## Neighborhood Clean-Up

by Shirley Watson

Thanks to the fifteen or more neighbors who participated in the Linden garden mulch and street clean-up day in June. It was fun to work together and the outcome has gathered many compliments.

Since this clean-up was so successful, another is planned for Saturday, August 9 at 9:00. The plan is to work in the Jamison Garden (Victorian Garden) at the corner of 4th and Ringgold.

Please bring shovels, rakes, gloves, clippers etc. Paula and I will see you there! Rain date is August 16, same time—same place.

**Editor's Note:** Kudos to Shirley Watson and Paula Worman who work diligently to keep up the Linden garden, Victorian garden, roundabout at 4th and Huffman and other places. Let's all help them out on the 9th!

### Reminders:

- Aug. 4** HHNA Meeting  
Huffman Place Dining Room—7:00 PM
- Aug. 5** National Night Out Against Crime  
Burkhardt Center, 6:00 PM  
Food, Fun, Prizes, and FREE!
- Aug. 9** Neighborhood Clean-up  
Victorian Garden, 4th & Ringgold Streets  
9:00 AM All are welcome to help!
- Aug, 18** HHNA Board Meeting  
Huffman Place Office—7:00 PM
- Sept. 8** HHNA Meeting (2nd Mon. due to Holiday)  
Huffman Place Dining Room—7:00 PM
- Sept. ?** Huffman Neighborhood Picnic-look for a flyer coming with details in September!

## **Illegal Dumping and Littering is Against the Law: it's not an option, it's a crime!**

Illegal dumping is another inexcusable crime that pollutes our land and violates the rights of others. This unhealthy and unsightly crime promotes the deterioration of neighborhoods and attracts criminal activity.

Areas used for illegal dumping may be easily accessible to people, especially children, who are vulnerable to sharp objects, hazardous chemicals and many other health and safety hazards.

Illegal Dumping is everybody's problem whether we pay directly or indirectly -- we all pay! Pitching in to keep your community clean means getting involved, not standing by but by standing in.

### **Here's ways you can help:**

- Communicate with your priority boards
- Participate in alley clean-ups
- Use free recycling opportunities
- Manage your solid waste (visit: <http://www.mcswd.org/>)
- Adopt a block, street, park or recruit volunteers, set one hour, one day each month to police the area to rid it of litter
- Report illegal dumping; individuals may not be directly dumping on your property, but they are dumping in your community where your children play

### **Facts About Illegal Dumping:**

- Poses Health Risks—provides breeding grounds for disease-carrying mosquitoes and rodents.
- Lowers property values—property values are lower in areas that have litter and dumping problems.
- Discourages investment—investors are less likely to invest in these areas; development is hindered.
- Attracts criminal activity—criminals tend to migrate in the areas that appear to be unkempt, which increases the problem.
- Encourages additional dumping—most illegal dumpers and litterers prefer to dump in areas that already have dumped items.
- Costly to taxpayers—dumping costs the taxpayers hundreds of thousands of dollars each year.
- Contaminates waterways and drinking water.

### **Penalties: Up to a \$1,000 fine and six months in jail**

#### **Important telephone numbers:**

**Call Police Dispatch 333-COPS (2677) to report illegal dumping in progress.**

**Call Bulk Waste 333-4833 to schedule pick up of items to avoid getting a ticket (items are to be set out only 24 hours before schedule pick up day)**

**Call EPA at 285-6357 to report dumping of hazardous materials**

**Call Environmental Management at 333-3796 to report suspicious substances that could contaminate the waterways.** (Source: <http://www.cityofdayton.org/>)

## **East End Community**

by Shirley Watson

Several weeks ago I was introduced to an organization that is working to provide many services to the Twin Towers neighborhood. It is an exciting venture because the outcome is giving hope to the roughly 1400 households in the neighborhood.

Some of the services include family and job connections, a youth center, an elderly program, Latino family advocacy, etc.

One reward of this effort has been to instill a sense of community. As a result, crime has decreased, students want to be educated, people are actively involved in their neighborhood, and pride in self has increased. An overall focus of this organization is to alleviate generational poverty. Indeed, the neighborhood is resurrecting.

This is one of Dayton's best kept secrets and now it's time to talk about it. The Huffman Historic Neighborhood Association wants to share this success of our neighbors across the highway at a future HHNA meeting. Watch the newsletter for information once final arrangements are made.

### **Around the Neighborhood**

This space is reserved for information about our neighbors. Have some news to share? Call (546-2569) or e-mail Rosie Miller ([rosie.miller@gmail.com](mailto:rosie.miller@gmail.com)) to have your information included here. Topics such as births, new neighbors, accomplishments, etc.



**Our sympathy** to Stan Lilly and family, 32 S. June St. Stan's son died suddenly in July.

Renovation projects are bringing new neighbors to Huffman. Several new folks have moved into the neighborhood recently and are renovating homes. Come to the neighborhood meeting on August 4th. We'd love to meet you and hear about your progress. If you see new folks in the neighborhood say hello and give them words of encouragement.

**Special thanks** to the Film, Philosophy, and Faith group from Christ the King Reformed Episcopal Church for their clean-up efforts in the Huffman Neighborhood. Before their weekly meeting each Sunday, they take time to attack trash and weeds in our neighborhood. Neighbor Wayne McNamara is pastor of the church. If you see them working, be sure to give them a big thank you.

### **National Crime Night Out with Southeast Dayton**

This annual FREE event will take place on August 5, 6:00-8:00PM at Burkhardt Center—215 Burkhardt Ave. All East Dayton residents are invited to attend this event. Meet your local firefighters, police officers, and city officials. Food, drinks, and great door prizes, DJ & Karaoke, face painting and other activities are all part of this free event to show your support against crime in our area. Fun for Kids and Parents alike. Plan to join your neighbors at this event.